DOROTHY GIFFEN Interview by Elizabeth Perry, AAUW

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013	Both grandfathers were 49'ers
026	Dorothy born in Sacramento on February 24,1908
030	Childhood in Sacramento
032	A description of the boundries of the town of Sacramento in her childhood
042	A description of the atmosphere of the town
043	Women wore hats and gloves to go shopping
044	The early family home was on 11th Street
046	When Dorothy was 7 years old the family moved to what is now 34th and T streets
052	The social consciousness of the time
055	Women's activities
079	Father was T. H.(Thomas Henry) Christiansen. He considered education to be very important.
115	Mother was Mable Nash Christiansen. She was a teacher before marraige and influenced her daughter to become a teacher.
140	A description of the UC Berkeley campus when Dorothy was a student there.
172	Dorothy got a teaching job in Sacramento on completion of college.
181	Oral exams for teachers
193	Married women could not get teaching jobs in 1933.
208	Dorothy taught French and English at Sacramento High for 5 years.
214	When C.K. McClatchey High School opened she taught French, English and Public Speaking for 8 years.
228	First voted in 1929.
242	The influence of her father on election issues

278	Joined AAUW in 1932
291	Described the Recent Graduate Section of AAUW
301	Worked with Marjorie Goulding on the Membership Committee
303	Was Fellowship Chairman when Betty Hill was President
305	Was a charter member of the AAUW Bridge group which is still in existance
342	Husband was Edward E. Giffen. They met on a blind date.
383	He worked for the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture.
400	He died in 1963
Side B 412	Married in 1933
415	The effect on the depression on their lives
424	Dorothy delayed her family for 13 years
425	Daughter is Marcia Doane who is a volunteer teacher
432	Grandchildren are Katie and Teddie
456	Daughter decided not to be a teacher. The changes in teaching from Dorothy's time of teaching til 1967 when her daughter graduated from college.
475	Involvement with nursery school at Newton Booth School 35 years ago
488	Husband's terminal illness of 3 years with emphysema
494	Felt that is was important to give daughter a college education
508	Adjustment to living alone
540	Early AAUW activities had emphasis on social activities. She has noticed a change with a trend toward greater social consciousnes today.
603	Transportation by train in the 1930's. Grandparents came across the country in a Conestoga wagon.

625	Grandfathers lived near each other both in the mines and in Sutter Couty but never knew eachother.
631	Streetcars in Sacramento
637	Wells Fargo Express wagons drawn by horses
645	Travel down the Sacramento River by boat to San Francisco
659	Going to San Francisco by train
684	Communication at the time grandparents came to California before the Civil War
698	Mother liver near Nicholaus in Sutter County
725	Communicated by letter and post card. Had elaborate post cards.